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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM DEPUTY
PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON TO THE SECRETARY

1. REQUEST THAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE PASSED TO
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ALLON FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER.
QUOTE: DEAR YIGAL,
PLEASE ACCEPT MY PERSONAL THANKS FOR YOUR MOST ELOQUENT
MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF THE 200TH
ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE. OUR BICENTENNIAL
YEAR IS A PERIOD OF NATIONAL REFLECTION AND REAFFIRMATION
OF THE DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES WHICH HAVE GUIDED OUR NATION'
MORAL AND PHYSICAL GROWTH OVER THE PAST TWO HUNDRED YEARS.
AS WE FACE THE THIRD CENTURY OF OUR COUNTRY'S EXISTENCE,
WE ARE DEDICATED TO CONTINUE THE GREAT EXPERIMENT STARTED
BY OUR FOUNDING FATHERS TO PROTECT AND INSURE LIBERTY,
JUSTICE AND INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

I KNOW THAT WE SHARE WITH YOU A DEEP SENSE OF COMMITMENT
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TO THE OBLIGATIONS OF DEMOCRACY. GUIDED BY THE PRINCIPLES

OF JUSTICE AND HUMANITY -- WHICH WE HOLD IN COMMON -- I
LOOK FORWARD TO JOINING WITH YOU IN THE FUTURE, AS WE HAVE
IN THE PAST, IN THE SEARCH FOR PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE
MIDDLE EAST.

WITH WARM REGARDS,
HENRY A. KISSINGER. UNQUOTE.

2. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ALLON'S
MESSAGE TO SECRETARY KISSINGER.

QUOTE: DEAR HENRY,
THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF
200 YEARS AGO BY FAR TRANSCENDED THE VICTORIOUS STRUGGLE
AGAINST IMPERIAL DOMINATION. IT WAS AN EVENT OF CRUCIAL
MOMENT IN WORLD HISTORY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN INSTI-
TUTIONS. IT WAS NOT MERELY THAT THE NEW WORLD HAD EMERGED
TO BALANCE THE DEFICIENCIES OF THE OLD. BUT IN THESE TWO
CENTURIES OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE, THE UNITED STATES
FASHIONED ON THOSE EARLY FOUNDATIONS A GREAT CREATIVE AND
VIGOROUS DEMOCRACY, DESTINED TO BECOME THE FOCUS AND THE
HOPE OF THE OPPRESSED AND DOWNTRODDEN EVERYWHERE, AND OF
ALL WHO WOULD RESIST TYRANNY AND INJUSTICE.

THE FREEDOM OF 1776 CARRIED WITH IT OVER THE YEARS THE MES-
SAGE OF UNIVERSAL FREEDOM, AND THE VISION OF THE FOUNDING
FATHERS HAS BEEN TRANSLATED INTO ACHIEVEMENTS WHICH GIVE
HOPE TO MEN AND WOMEN EVERYWHERE.

FOR ISRAEL THIS SHINING ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR COUNTRY'S IN-
DEPENDENCE HAS A SPECIAL AND POIGNANT SIGNIFICANCE. THE
AUTHORS OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WERE IMBUED
WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SCRIPTURES AND INSPIRED BY THE
TEACHINGS OF OUR PROPHETS WHO MORE THAN 2,000 YEARS AGO
GAVE IMMORTAL EXPRESSION TO MAN'S QUEST FOR PEACE, FOR
FREEDOM, EQUALITY AND HUMAN DIGNITY.

BUT BEYOND THAT, ISRAEL, WHICH REJOICES IN THE REASSERTION
IN OUR OWN GENERATION OF ITS NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE IS
DEEPLY CONSCIOUS OF ALL THAT IT OWES TO THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA FOR ITS UNDERSTANDING, SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT IN
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THAT EPIC AND STILL CONTINUING STRUGGLE. ITS ACTIVE ROLE
IN PURSUIT OF THE CAUSE OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, HAS
BEEN IN THIS GREAT AND PROVEN AMERICAN TRADITION.

WE SEND TO YOU AND THROUGH YOU TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OUR
MOST HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS GREAT ANNIVERSARY
DAY, OUR ARDENT WISHES FOR THE WELFARE OF YOUR GREAT
COUNTRY AND THE HOPE THAT IT WILL, IN THE SPIRIT OF THE

ORIGINAL DECLARATION, CONTINUE TO MAKE ITS UNIQUE CONTRI-
BUTION TO THE WELFARE OF ALL MANKIND.
YOURS, YIGAL. UNQUOTE.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT
WISHES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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